

REMARKS

In the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated November 5, 2003, the Examiner indicated that claim 38, whose status identifier in the Office-action response mailed on October 3, 2003, indicated that it had been presented previously, had not previously been presented. In fact, though, claim 38 was submitted in the response mailed on August 9, 2002, as the Examiner acknowledged in the Office action of December 5, 2002.

The Examiner also indicated that the claims were not listed in ascending numerical order, but a perusal of that amendment reveals no such deficiency.

The Examiner further indicated that not all claims had been provided with proper status identifiers. Actually, all claims did include status identifiers. However, the foregoing claim listing substitutes the newly prescribed “currently amended” wording for the status identifiers that the October 1, 2003, Office-action response had simply as “amended.”

Finally, to clarify the claims’ status, Applicant hereby confirms that he intended by that Office-action response to cancel claims 6, 13, 21, and 22, add new claims 47-51, and amend claims 7, 11, 14, 15, and 23.

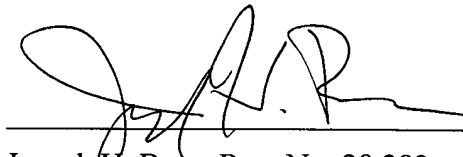
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